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Title : Need to construct water stadium at Aranmula, Kerala.

SHRIMATI C.S. SUJATHA (MAVELIKARA): Sir, I would like to invite the attention of the Ministry of Tourism.

The world famous Aranmula Boat Race being conducted every year as part of Onam Festival. The boat race is the major event celebrated by the people in the Central Kerala. People from 35 villages around Aranmula directly take part in this colourful and magnificent festival which attracts thousands of local people and good number of tourists from inside the country and abroad. Aranmula is a historical place and the artifact `Aranmula Mirror' is world famous. This village has been selected as a Tourist Village by the UNDP.

The Aranmula Boat Race has a history of over 700 years. The festival first started in 13^{th} Century AD. Aranmula has all the potential to be developed into a great tourist destination. Hence, the further development of the area and enhancement of facilities including construction of a Water Stadium at the site of the Boat Race is much required.

I, therefore, request the Government to extend financial assistance[R18].